Parish Council Minutes

Wednesday 21st January 2015

Sevenhampton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council

held on Wednesday 21st January 2015
In the Reading Room, Rhodes Memorial Hall Brockhampton

Present: Bill Jenkin (Chairman), Rose Ballinger, Harry Boyd, Di Brown, Gordon Day, Lynne Jackson

In attendance: 3 parishioners and Matthew Cain until item 1

Q&A: Louise Partridge had informed the chairman about a planning application for Benshill. Cllr Gordon Day suggested the meeting could be suspended if she turned up so a discussion could take place. Cllr Di Brown has been chasing Highways about the 30mph sign at the top of the Quarry.

Apologies: There were no apologies for absence

1. **Co-Option of Councillor:** Proposed by Harry Boyd, seconded Gordon Day and RESOLVED that Matthew Cain be co-opted onto the Parish Council for the remainder of the term. The Clerk produced the Acceptance of Office book which was duly completed and Matthew took his place at the table. The Register of Interests would be completed by him and given to the Clerk for onward transmission to CDC.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest

3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as a true record of proceedings

4. **Matters arising:**
   a. Repairs from the top of the lane leading down to Spring Cottage to the Village Hall car park. The working group had not yet met so there was nothing further to report
   b. b. Mobile phone coverage – the Chairman has had little response from the phone companies but Vodafone has suggested an Opensure signal box fixed externally at 500 yard internals – planning permission would have to be sought. The chairman to pursue the matter further. Cllr Lynne Jackson would research the NFU for help and CDC has also requested government action.

5. **Financial statement:**
   Payments: Jenkin £21.60 VL copying; SLCC sub £65.00; Clerk salary and expenses £470.60; hall hire £3.50.
   Balances: Barclays £7026.63 and Leeds BS (Way Forward) £6456.22.
   a. ***RESOLVED*** that the budgeted transfer into the Way Forward account of £1000 be made as usual.
   b. The Clerk had been awarded a19p/hour payrise from 01 January 2015 following recommendations made between NALC and SLCC for part time clerks
   c. It was agreed that a cheque for £240.40 be forwarded to Tennyson Insurance in respect of the Good Neighbour car scheme.

6. **Precept:** The parish council ratified the amount of the precept at £5000 for 2015/16

7. **Audit regulations:** GAPTC had offered an audit service if required.

The Clerk was waiting to hear from Iain Selkirk (our auditor for the past few years) but if he was unable to take it on the Clerk would ask GAPTC for assistance.

8. **Retirement of Clerk:** The Clerk had expressed a wish to retire and would set in motion a job vacancy advertisement via the local magazines and GAPTC. She would ascertain from GAPTC if there were any formal or legal processes required to fill the vacancy. There had been one expression of interest locally but it was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised as well.

9. **Deer Park:** An Email had been received by the Chairman and Clerk regarding new hard standing for a horsebox which was an eyesore. One of the house owners overlooking the Deer Park had reported the matter to the Enforcement Officer of Gloucestershire County Council and a response was awaited.

10. **Grass cutting tender for 2015:** The clerk would advertise in the normal manner and report to the next meeting in March.

11. **Planning:** Manor Farm conversion of redundant stable block – pending.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**: 18 March 2015 Annual parish meeting and there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm